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FOR AMBASSADOR EDWIN MARTIN

FOLLOWING REPEAT MEXICO 622 ACTION STATE, INFO ROME, GENEVA,
CUIDAD JUAREZ, GUADALAJARA, HERMOSILLO, MATAMOROS, MERIDA,
MAZATLAN, MONTERREY, NUEVO LAREDO, TIJUANA, JAN. 24,

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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

ROME FOR FODAG, GENEVA FOR UNCTAD

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1. AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL ECON COUNSELOR AND AGRICULTURAL
ATTACHE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH GOM OFFICIALS U.S. VIEWS ON
POSSIBLE APPROACH TO WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE. AIDE MEMOIRE
COVERING MAJOR POINTS OF REFTEL DELIVERED TO AMB. ESPINOSA
DE LOS REYES, DIRECTOR-IN-CHIEF FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS,
FOREIGN OFFICE, WITH COPY TO FRANCISCO RAMOS CANTORAL,
DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FOR THE SECRETARIAT
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OF AGRICULTURE. ESPINOSA DE LOS REYES INDICATED

THAT DUE HEAVY WORK LOAD AT FOREIGN OFFICE DURING FEBRUARY, HE DOUBTED VERY MUCH THAT THERE WOULD BE FOREIGN OFFICE REPRESENTATION AT THE PREPCOM MEETING FEB 11-15. HE ANTICIPATED THAT SECRETARIAT OF AGRICULTURE WOULD TAKE LEAD IN REPRESENTING MEXICO. HE PROMISED INFORM ECON COUNSELOR IN EVENT FOREIGN OFFICE HAD VIEWS AFTER REVIEWING AIDE MEMOIRE.

2. RAMOS CANTORAL SAID THAT SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE HAD DESIGNATED HIM TO HANDLE THIS MATTER FOR AGRICULTURE MINISTRY. IN VIEW LICELIHOOD FOREIGN OFFICE WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN PREPCOM MEETING, IT WOULD APPEAR RAMOS CANTORAL WILL BE KEY MEXICAN OFFICIAL HANDLING MEXICO'S PARTICIPATION WFC. RAMOS CANTORAL WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO GIVE OFFICIAL MEXICAN VIEWS ON WFC AT THIS TIME SINCE GOM POSITION HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED YET AMONG INTERESTED AGENCIES. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT SEEM TO HAVE ANY MAJOR PROBLEMS WITH APPROACH OUTLINED REFTTEL. HE DID INDICATE IT WAS HIS PERSONAL VIEW IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT LIMIT CONFERENCE TO DISCUSSION ON MEANS FOR INCREASING WORLD FOOD PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION. HE RECENTLY ATTENDED FAO ANNUAL ROME MEETING AND GAINED IMPRESSION THERE WOULD BE STRONG PRESSURES FROM LATIN AMERICANS, AFRICANS AND ASIANS TO ATTEMPT USE THIS FORUM TO OBTAIN TRADE CONCESSIONS FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES URGED IMPORTANCE OF CONCENTRATING ATTENTION DURING MEETING ON MEASURES DESIGNED TO EXPAND PRODUCTION AND IMPROVE DISTRIBUTION OF BASIC FOOD PRODUCTS. ALTHOUGH RAMOS CANTORAL AGREED IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE HAVE ANY MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION ON TRADE CONCESSIONS DUE SHORT TIME OF MEETING, HE GAVE IMPRESSION MEXICO WOULD PROBABLY SUPPORT MOVE TO GIVE THIS SUBJECT MORE ATTENTION AT WFC THAN U.S. BELIEVES APPROPRIATE.

3. RAMOS CANTORAL AGREED TO KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED AS MEXICAN POSITION ON WFC BECOMES MORE CLEARLY DEFINED AND WILL CONFIRM COMPOSITION OF MEXICAN DELEGATION FOR PRECOM MEETING WHEN THIS IS KNOWN. WE WILL FORWARD INFORMATION WHEN AVAILABLE.
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